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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA:CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JUNE 17

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 1212, (B) DAR ES SALAAM 2604,
(C) USUN 2532

1. CONTACT GROUP MET PM JUNE 17 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS ON
NAMIBIA IN VIEW OF RESPONSES RECEIVED REFTELS A-B.
THE OTHER FOUR, BASED ON THEIR INSTRUCTIONS, REMAINED
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CONVINCED THAT THE FULL CG SHOULD GO TO DAR ES SALAAM TO
MEET WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVEL ON TO
SOUTH AFRICA TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA.
WE ARGUED THAT CG PROCEEDING EN MASSE TO DAR WOULD RAISE
THE PROFILE OF APPROACH TO NYERERE UNDESIRABLY HIGH, AND
URGED UNSUCCESSFULLY THAT GROUP CONSIDER DELEGATING DIS-
CUSSION WITH NYERERE TO ONE OR MORE OF DAR AMBASSADORS.

2. THE OTHER FOUR, HOWEVER, REMAINED PERSUADED THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL CG TRAVEL PROPOSAL CONTAINED REF C. THEIR RATIONALE WAS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
(A) NYERERE HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CG APPROACH SOUTH AFRICA; THE GROUP, IN FACT, DOUBTED NYERERE WOULD CONSENT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION UNLESS HE WAS ASSURED GROUP PLANNED SUBSEQUENTLY TO MEET WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AS A BASIS FOR FRONTLINE ENDORSEMENT OF A FURTHER MEETING WITH SWAPO.

(B) SINCE GROUP MUST GO TO PRETORIA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SAME MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIOR DISCUSSION WITH NYERERE.

(C) THREE OF THE FIVE DAR AMBASSADORS ARE NEWLY ARRIVED, AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE RELUCTANT TO ENTRUST CRITICAL NEXT MEETING WITH NYERERE TO THEIR INEXPERIENCE WITH THE PROBLEM.

(D) NYERERE HAS REACTED WELL IN THE PAST TO CG APPROACHES INVOLVING FIVE REPS PLUS ONE OF THE RESIDENT AMBASSADORS, FACING FIVE OR SIX ON THE TANZANIAN SIDE.

(E) CG PARTICIPATION IN DAR MEETING WOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR APPROACH IN PRETORIA.
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(F) EVEN THE PROBABLE PUBLICITY ATTENDING A DAR MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL IN BUILDING THE APPROACH IN PRETORIA.

3. THE OTHER FOUR AMBASSADORS IN DAR HAVE APPROVAL TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL C TO NYERERE (PREFERABLY OVER THE WEEKEND) WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A CONSENSUS BY THE FIVE. WE INFORMED GROUP THAT DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE AMB SPAIN WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED. WE ASSUME THAT THE TIMING OF THE CG VISIT TO DAR, IF THIS SCENARIO PROVES ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT, WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED IN RELATION TO MCHENRY'S SEPARATE TRAVEL PLANS.

4. CANADIANS AND GERMANS REQUESTED THAT THIS MESSAGE, INCLUDING THEIR MINISTRIES' APPROVAL OF THE DECISION OF THE CG, BE SHARED WITH THEIR REPS IN DAR.

5. FINALLY, WHILE THE CG FELT ASSURED THAT NYERERE WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE THEM PRIOR TO THEIR VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, IF HE SHOULD QUESTION THEIR VISIT TO DAR, THEY SUGGESTED DAR REPS ADD THAT THE CG WANTED TO MEET WITH

HIM BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD IMPROVE
CHANCES FOR POSITIVE MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. LEONARD

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